



Gifu University (Gifu)



*Polish up Your Japanese Language in Autumn,
Indulge Yourselves in Japanese Culture and Dedicate Yourselves to Theses in Spring*

■ Overview of Gifu University

① Gifu University:

●Gifu University is a national university that maintains 5 faculties (Education, Regional Studies, Medicine, Engineering, and Applied Biological Sciences) and 9 graduate schools. There are a number of search and education centers (International Student Center, Information and Multimedia Center, Library, etc.). The University offers a high quality education and research in many areas, and has been selected as one of the “Good Practice” for its teaching and research.

●Gifu City is conveniently situated only 2 hours to Tokyo and 1 hour to Osaka and Kyoto by bullet train, and 20 minutes to Nagoya. The main campus is in *Yanagido*, a suburb of Gifu City, 30 minutes from Gifu Station. Away from city bustles and noise and surrounded by rice fields and mountain forests, the campus is an ideal place to study in tranquility.

●Faculties and Student/Staff Numbers (as of May 2017)

○Faculties (Undergraduate): Education, Regional Studies, Medicine, Engineering, Applied Biological Sciences

○Graduate Schools: Education, Regional Studies, Medicine, Engineering, Applied Biological Sciences, Natural Science and Technology, United Graduate School of Agricultural Science, United Graduate School of Veterinary Sciences, United Graduate School of Drug Discovery and Medical Information Sciences

●Academic Staff: 862

●Students: 5,705 undergraduates, 1,618 post-graduates, 118 non-degree seeking students; Total: 7,441

② International Exchange (as of October 2017) :

●Gifu University promotes international exchange, and has agreements with 47 universities and 1 organization in 18 countries for academic and student exchange.

●Number of International Students: 379 (Approximately 70% are postgraduates, from 28 countries)

●Number of International Researchers: 6

③ Number of International students and this course students in the last three years (as of October 2017):

2017: International Students 379, This Course students 8

2016: International Students 366, This Course students 4

2015: International Students 350, This Course students 10

④ Special Features of Gifu Prefecture:

●Gifu Prefecture is situated in the center of Japan, surrounded by high mountains in the north, and with many rivers and water falls in the south. It is blessed with scenic beauty and traditional culture combined with a modern lifestyle. Gifu is also known as a city where *ODA NOBUNAGA* built his castle.

●There are many famous places for tourism in the prefecture such as *Takayama*, *Gujo*. The *Nagara* River runs through Gifu City where the century-old practice of cormorant fishing is observable as another cultural attractions.

●Studying at Gifu University offers a variety of advantages to international students of Japanese language and culture: exposure to the traditional culture of Japan in a medium-sized city of 400,000 people, opportunities to mix with friendly local communities, a low cost living, and a spacious and natural environment.



■ Course Outline

① Purpose of the Course

This is a one-year course intended mainly to improve Japanese language proficiency with supplementary study about Japan and Japanese culture. (b)

② Characteristics of the Course:

●The students are placed in the most appropriate level of Japanese class according to their language ability. Therefore a progressive and effective development of their Japanese proficiency can be expected.

●A variety of culture classes are offered to suit the students' research interest.

●Classes in this course are designed for Japanese Language and Culture Studies students and to provide the most effective training/learning experience during their one-year stay at Gifu University.

●The course includes practice of Tea ceremony, field trips to see performing arts (*Noh*, *Kyogen*, *Kabuki*), sports (*Sumo*), to museums in order to appreciate traditional culture of Japan.

●Several field trips within Gifu Prefecture (*Gujo*, *Toki*, etc.) and to nearby prefectures are included in the course to deepen students' understanding and appreciate Japanese culture.

●The university also offers a field trip for overseas students during the summer break.

●The program also includes a cross-cultural communication class that provides students opportunities to mix with Japanese students.

●Classes for Japanese students can be taken.

●Tutors (Japanese students) willingly assist your study and life.

● Not a few students who finished this course came back to Japan to study through Master course.

● Please read comments from our graduates:

http://www1.gifu-u.ac.jp/~isc/en/international/jp_program/messages/

③ Number of students accepted : 10

(Embassy recommendation: 5, University recommendation: 5)

※ Students with embassy recommendation will be given the first priority.

④ Qualifications and Conditions for Application:

● Applicants must be regular students (second year or above) in an undergraduate program at their home university.

● Applicants must be majoring or double-majoring in Japanese language and Japanese studies at their university.

● Applicants must have passed N2 Japanese Language Proficiency Test or demonstrate equivalent proficiency in Japanese.

⑤ Objectives:

● The objective of this course is to develop their Japanese language proficiency (JLPT N1 Level), and to provide basic knowledge about Japanese culture through real experiences.

● Students also learn a basis of research method and academic writing skills.

⑥ Period of the course:

October 1, 2018 ~ August 31, 2019

(Conferment ceremony will be given at the end of August. In 2018, it was on August 22.)



⑦ Outline of the subjects:

● Each semester (Autumn, Spring) consists of 15 weeks.

● Required credits : 40

● Subjects' titles are subject to change.

1) Compulsory subjects:

● The following are compulsory subjects per week (one class is for 90 minutes).

【Subjects and class number (credits)】

Subject	Autumn	Spring	Subtotal
Japanese (Regular)	5 (5)	-	5 (5)
General Subjects for Japanese Students	-	2 (4)	2 (4)
Japanese (Reading)	1 (2)	1 (2)	2 (4)
Japanese (Writing)	1 (2)	1 (2)	2 (4)
Japanese (Oral)	1 (2)	1 (2)	2 (4)
Japanese (Listening)	1 (2)	1 (2)	2 (4)
Contemporary Japanese Society	1 (2)	-	1 (2)
Japanese Circumstances CII	1 (2)	-	1 (2)
Japanese Culture and Representation	1 (2)	-	1 (2)
Local Field Study – Discover Gifu	1 (2)	-	1 (2)
Culture in Gifu	-	1 (2)	1 (2)
Thesis Supervision		1 (1)	1 (1)
Thesis		(4)	(4)
Total	13 (21)	8 (19)	21 (40)

【Japanese Language Subjects】

● Regular Japanese classes : develop the student's overall proficiency in intermediate and advanced levels of Japanese including grammar, vocabulary, communication, and writing skills.

● Independent classes : focus on reading comprehension skills, academic and thesis writing skills, oral presentation skills and listening skills for discussion and seminar presentation.

【Japanese Culture Subjects】

● Culture Subjects : Contemporary Japanese Society, Japanese Culture and Representation, Local Field Study and Culture in Gifu aim for the students to learn about various aspects of Japanese culture. The students are encouraged to compare Japanese culture with their own cultures in order to appreciate the differences and similarities between different cultures. These subjects are specially designed for this course students.

● Japanese Circumstances CII : Recognition of cultural differences and similarities can be further enhanced by discussion with Japanese students in the Cross-cultural Communication class.

【Thesis Supervision】

The awareness of the importance of cultural understanding will lead to the selection of a thesis topic. Final thesis presentations will be held at Gifu University Satellite Campus.



【Thesis topics in 2017】

- Different Approach to Makeup between Japanese and Thai Women
- Behavior Pattern of Northern Europeans: What is Jante Law?
- Korean's Image of Japan: *Kanyangrok* Record by Kang Hang
- Japanese Greeting Words and Comparison with Chinese

2) Excursion, Field trip

Field trip in Gifu prefecture and traditional Japanese costume experience (in the autumn semester), *Nohgaku* workshop, practice of Tea ceremony, pottery experience, watching *Sumo* and *Kabuki* (in the spring semester) are planned. You visit Gifu castle and Museum, pick Kaki fruits and make Japanese umbrella in "Local Field Study" Class. You may participate in an inbound tourism practicum.

3) Elective Subjects

Apart from the above-mentioned subjects, the University offers subjects for degree-seeking overseas students, and general subjects for Japanese students can be taken in place of this program's subjects, depending on the student's Japanese proficiency and subject to the approval of the student's supervisor.

⑧ Events and Schedule

- Oct. Guidance for autumn semester, Opening ceremony, Class start
- Nov. Field trip, University Campus festival
- Dec. Selection of a thesis topic, Japanese traditional Kimono
- Apr. Guidance for spring semester, Practice of Tea ceremony (until July)
- May. Gujo Dance Workshop



- Jun.~Jul. Pottery, *Sumo*, and *Nohgaku*
- Jul. *Kabuki* watching
- Aug. Thesis submission, Thesis presentation, Conferment ceremony

⑨ Supervision

- The following academic staff of the International Student Center (ISC) offer individual supervision on academic matters and the students' welfare at Gifu University.
- If necessary, depending on the students' research topic, other academic staff members of the Center and Faculties will support the supervision.

【Chief Supervisors】

Name	Center	Position	Expertise
MORITA Koichi	ISC	Professor	History of Japanese Culture
TSUCHIYA Momoko	ISC	Professor	Japanese Literature

【Supporting Staff】

Other academic staff of the International Student Center, and the Faculties of Regional Studies and Education are included as supporting staff.

⑩ Requirements for Completion of the Course

- To complete the course, you must take all compulsory and some elective subjects with satisfactory attendance and results, write a thesis and make a presentation.
- Credit points for transfer can be arranged by negotiation with the students' home universities.



■ Accommodation

- Gifu University International House is established to provide accommodation for international students.
- Accommodation at the International House will be provided to all students of this course.

【Gifu University International House】

4 floors (Building A), 5 floors (Building B)
Number of Rooms: 69 single rooms, 14 rooms for married couples, 7 rooms for couples with children.
(Single room Building A: ¥ 5,900 per month, Building B: ¥ 4,700 per month)

■ Follow up for Graduates

- Not a few graduates of this course come back to Japan to study at graduate courses. We are happy to support the students who wish to do so.
- In the past, our graduates enter graduate courses of Gifu University and other national universities in Japan.
- After finishing graduate courses, they are employed in Japanese company in Japan and in their home countries.
- Graduates who visit us are always welcomed! We enjoy talking with them. We also constantly contact graduates through Facebook.

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(Also try our Facebook page)

Special site for this course:

http://www1.gifu-u.ac.jp/~isc/en/international/jp_program/